Representative Assembly No; since this is not a recognised "minority" community.

(*g*) No special action has been taken.

MR. H. M. MALLIKARJUNAPPA (Tarikere Taluk).—

Q.—46. Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) the number of major and minor tanks in the district;

(*b*) the number of petitions received for the last ten years regarding the restoration of major and minor tanks;

(*c*) the number of tanks restored as a result of such petitions;

(*d*) whether it is possible to take up the restoration of the unrestored tanks early;

(*e*) whether it has come to their notice that, by reason of the non-restoration of tanks for 20 to 30 years waste weirs and bunds have breached, that no water remains in the catchment area and that, though dry crops are raised on the land wet assessment is being levied;

(*f*) whether it is not possible in such cases to levy dry assessment instead of wet?

THE SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT, PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT (Mr. N. Sarabhoja).—

A.—46. (*a*) 136 major tanks, 2,210 minor tanks.

(*b*) 233.

(*c*) The programme of restoration of tanks has been drawn up generally having regard to the representations received.

(*d*) Yes. This is being done gradually.

(*e*) No such cases are reported.

(*f*) *Vide* reply to clause (*e*).

In the case of breached tanks under which dry crops are grown the remission admissible as per rules is invariably shown.

MR. C. NANJUNDE GOWDA (Tarikere Taluk).—

Q.—47. Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) the estimated cost for the restoration of Bekkinahalla tank at Lingadahalli, Tarikere Taluk;

(*b*) (i) for how much the estimate was sanctioned, (ii) the work done and (iii) for what acreage of land has water been supplied;

(*c*) whether they are aware that till now no water has been supplied to any of the lands from this tank;

(*d*) if so, when will it be possible to supply the lands with water?

THE SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT, PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT (Mr. N. Sarabhoja).—

A.—47. (*a*) The original estimated cost was Rs. 64,800

(*b*) (i) Modified estimate sanctioned for Rs. 29,900.

(ii) Outlay incurred is Rs. 28,620.

(iii) Water has not been supplied to any lands below the tank.

(*c*) Yes, due to the percolation of water from the porous soil below the bund.

(*d*) Soon after the remedial measures to stop the percolation proposed to be taken are completed.